

GERMAN PRESS DEMANDS GOVERNMENT TELL TRUTH

Seething Discontent Over Administration of Boasting Portions in Place of Victory.

EXPLANATIONS OF DEFEAT
Somehow Do Not Accord With Facts, and People See That There Is Trouble Ahead—Recognize American Army's Power.

[By International News Bureau.]
From Graz to Graudenz the German language press has been supplied by main headquarters with an identical explanation of what is termed the German "disengagement" on the western front. Apart from the implications of this statement, its very uniformity is felt to be depressing. This impression is accentuated by the strong contrast between what is described as the formal tone of German war anniversary proclamations and messages and the vigorous freshness of similar utterances in the allied countries.

Consciousness of this contrast manifests itself in various forms. The Cologne Gazette, for example, appears to be quite untroubled. Its "innate sense of cleanliness," which has hitherto forbidden it to handle things unclean, has been completely overcome by the rising tide of mud in which our enemies threaten to engulf the German name. Esteemed statesmen, it says, continue unceasingly to lay siege to the moral defenses of the central powers, whereas the Austro-German peoples apparently have no spokesman competent to make reply.

What Germany needs most at this hour is an "imperial psychologist." In an imperial psychologist, the Cologne Gazette believes, would tell the government that, against the day of peace settlement, for our political future, it is a matter of damnable importance whether we are, or are not, regarded throughout the world as a nation of blackguards. And, indeed, we are being so regarded.

That is what the speeches of English statesmen, combined with the speechlessness of our own statesmen, are bringing us to. In many quarters the press is made a confidant of the government, unhappily, too, not always with good effect.

The Cologne Gazette further complains that many people seem to think that the press has got nothing better to do than to hail every lie to the counter. That, it implies, is the business of the authorities.

Some of the peevishness is doubtless due to the fact that the government appears to have fallen into arrears with its press subsidies, part of which are payable in the form of rebates on the cost of paper.

Without these allowances, German newspapers, with few exceptions, would be reduced to such straits that their further publication would be impossible.

But the causes of the present discontent are deeper. In the current number Deutsche Politik, Herr Paul Rohrbach demands a "policy of courage."

The course, he explains, that we mean is the moral power of rising above circumstances in the present danger. Without question we were in peril during the early days of the war, but we have since then been in command we know very well that criminal error cannot be imputed. But are Hindenburg and Ludendorff?

Can they do no wrong? Do the facts and the plans of the enemy lie open before them and their assistants? Is an unsuccessful offensive, after so many thrusts that have succeeded, to be enough to rob them of part of the German people's trust in them? Why, then, did the authorities begin by treating us as if we were Frenchmen or Italians? Why choose palliatives in the shape of statements and reports that lacked confidence in the courage of the nation? In Germany the nation, the educated classes as well as the masses, is too well schooled in military matters not to discern the purpose of the thing; these phrases are designed to "tranquillize"; there must therefore be thought to be some need for reassurance.

Another point. Let us openly be told that the Americans in France now constitute a powerful and capable fighting force, and that further American reinforcements are continually being transported across the ocean. When the question was raised whether or not we were with the United States, we were constantly told that England would be compelled to capitulate before any American troops worth talking about could reach Europe, and, indeed, that it would be quite impossible to organize, train, transport, and supply any large American army. These, too, were mere soothing powders which ought never to have been administered.

The American war minister in the Times returns the strength of this army at something over 1,000,000 men and the losses sustained at the Marne at only a few hundred. The one figure will be an over-estimate and the other an under-estimate; it is a fact that there are enough American soldiers fighting against us to make victory appreciably harder for us, and it is equally certain that it has not been possible to interfere with the American transports. Some damage, it is true, has been inflicted, but not enough to put the Americans out of action as fighting force whose weight in the scale can be felt.

Away then with these continual deceptions and sleeping draughts; let the German people have the truth. While Herr Rohrbach hesitates to entertain the idea that Germany may lose the war, he warns the government that if it throws the whole burden on the shoulders of the army and neglects its own duty, the war may almost interminably be prolonged. The government's duty is not to look out for signs of readiness for peace, but to help the army to beat the enemy. In this respect he considers that the allies have a superiority; they wage war with political as well as with military weapons. He continues:

The enemy army commands possesses in their diplomacy a wonderful, excellent and successful ally. They command gets as good as no help at all from the political side, and the task of achieving victory rests upon the army alone. . . . Not only is it possible for us to be beaten, but we shall be beaten if our government continues to show lack of insight and courage. The best defense is the offensive. But our diplomacy lacks the offensive spirit, that is why it is forever sitting

Royal War Workers



Queen Mary of England and Her Only Daughter, Princess Mary.

In England, where the rich and the poor have felt the spirit of equality in service, Queen Mary and Princess Mary have won the admiration of their countrymen by their untiring devotion to the great cause for which the allies are battling. Princess Mary who is now training to become a nurse, is unaffected and industrious and fulfills her duties with all the care and faithfulness of the most humble worker. She is wearing the indoor uniform of the Voluntary Aid Detachment, which works with the American Red Cross.

on the defensive, and that is why it has hitherto been so little equal to its task.

What sense can there be in the imperial chancellor's standing up and reciting some phrase or other about Belgium, whose independence we wish to restore, and to deliver this with an expression so colorless, so transparent in tendency, and so little adapted to any mighty moral offense?

The whole of the Pan-German press seizes the chancellor's statement, struts it in its own way, and, contrary to its own intention, it proclaims that Belgium shall never be given up and shall never become independent; while the entire exclamation of triumphal chorus: "What are German declarations worth?" It is not the government, but the Pan-Germans who govern.

V. P. I. NOTES
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
BLACSBURG, Va., October 19.—Complying with instructions from the War Department the commanding officer

AN AMAZING PROGRESS OF PRIMITIVE RACE

Some Interesting Facts Concerning the Past and Present of the Maoris.

BY AXEL DANE.
Among the many so-called savage races, the Maoris—primitive inhabitants of New Zealand—have unquestionably shown the highest adaptability to altered circumstances. It is true the arrival of the white man in their country, with the vices and diseases he brought with him, resulted in a great death toll among the natives, but the descendants of those who survived have shown a wonderful capacity for taking advantage of the new mode of life and civilization and the benefits to be gained from it.

When at the present day you see the large Maori schools and colleges; when you meet in London, clever, cultured Maori clerical men, lawyers and members of Parliament; when you are received in her own drawing room by a Maori lady with the manners and habits of a duchess, it is indeed difficult to realize that less than sixty years ago, the race to which these charming people belong, was one of the most bloodthirsty and savage in existence.

But what seems still more incredible is the fact that while the Maoris of the old days spent their lives in unending warfare with all its brutalizing influences (including cannibalism) they were at the same time in possession of a religious and cosmogony, not only full of poetical beauty and ideas, but giving hints of an understanding of abstract thought and a metaphysical bent of mind, which one expects to find developed only in a people with an old civilization.

What the Maoris thought about the creation of the world and the beginning of all things may be of interest. Before man appeared, they believed, the world was inhabited by a race of demigods, about whose occult powers and wonderful feats of strength and bravery there are many legends. Death was called "the Great Lady of Night."

The Maoris believed that both the under world and the upper world were inhabited, the latter consisting of ten planes, one above the other. In the highest resided Rehua, the lord of lightning and lightning flashing from his locks and supreme lord of the gods that ruled the world. There was a large hierarchy of spirits both good and evil, and nature spirits were considered very powerful.

There were many Maori legends about sprites and fairies which, as in other countries, were described as small creatures, often very happy, but sometimes mischievous. It is curious that this dark-skinned race, the Maoris, before the arrival of Europeans, had never seen a white man, should have pictured the fairies as white-skinned, with fair hair and rosy cheeks. One of the legends tells how a chief learned the art of netting by watching the fairies making their fishing nets in the bright moonlight.

The Maoris never had any written language, but, like the Egyptians, they counted for their marvelous powers of memory. As no written documents could be referred to, everything of importance had to be remembered, and the chiefs and elders of tribe or family were looked upon as storehouses in whose brains every incident of the slightest value to tribe or family was safely kept and could be recalled whenever required. Even to this day, if there is any doubt about the legal ownership of a piece of Maori land, the

Discolored, Wrinkled
Skin Easily Removed

Since brown or yellow, over-oxidized or heavily complexioned, and decidedly not the fashion, I cannot understand why so many continue to wear them. Surely every woman has heard of mercurized wax. This I know—from my own and others' experiences—will positively banish every unsightly tint. The wax really takes off a bad complexion. It gradually, harmlessly absorbs the thin layer of surface skin, with all its defects, as liver spots, pimples, freckles, blackheads. Just as gradually the discolored skin is replaced by the clear, white, youthful skin underneath. Mercurized wax, procurable at any drug store, is applied nightly like cold cream and erased mornings with warm water. One ounce will produce the loveliest, girlish complexion in less than a fortnight.

I can't understand, either, why folks will be bothered with wrinkles, since the famous sallow formula has come public property. One ounce of powdered sallow dissolved in a pint of water, with a dash of lemon juice, will quickly efface every line, even the deepest Julia Orf in Social Mirror.—Adv.

lawyer will seek out the oldest man in the tribe and obtain from him its history handed down from generation to generation.

Some of the natives live to a very old age, and senile decay does not seem to attack them. I once had an interesting conversation with a Maori of 105 years. Except that his hair was white and that his dark skin had paled to a dull gray, there was no sign of his having outlived a century. His memory was excellent; he had not lost a tooth, and the condition of his sight and hearing was something to be envied.

During the last thirty years, however, intermarriages between Maoris and Europeans have been very numerous. To-day few are left of the old pure stock, and with their demise will come to an end one of the most interesting primitive races on earth.

CADETS TAKE BONDS

V. M. I. Men Prove Liberal Purchasers of Fourth Liberty Loan

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
LEXINGTON, Va., October 19.—Cadets at the Virginia Military Institute

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tute have subscribed to practically \$20,000 worth of Liberty bonds this week. At a Liberty loan meeting in the mess hall on Tuesday great enthusiasm was displayed by the corps, and there was much cheering when the plan for obtaining subscriptions was announced by the commandant, Colonel George A. Derbyshire.

This plan provides that each company commander will have charge of soliciting subscriptions among the men of his company. On the first returns made it was shown that the total reached was within a few dollars of \$20,000. A number of the cadets found

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